

JCS Memo 186-61
29 November 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, J-5

SUBJECT: Draft Charter of International Access
Authority for Berlin

1. The attached paper, subject as above, was given to me by Mr. Kearney, State Department, this morning. Further copies will be in distribution shortly. This paper basically concerns the establishment of an International Access Authority which would have control over air access to Berlin and the autobahn. The Special Committee in State has been working on this project. There has been no JCS representation on the Committee although previous draft charters have been distributed.

2. Actually, this matter was considered pretty much of a dead issue due to difficulty of getting allied agreement. However, the President mentioned such an arrangement in his talk with the Editor of Izvestia, and now to quote Mr. Kearney "This project is hotter than a pistol." The State Committee is now concerned that it may have implications that would interest the JCS. A U.S. position is therefore being sought prior to the Paris meeting next week.

3. It would not appear that there is time for an official Joint Chiefs position. I suggest that the paper be turned green for Limited Distribution, that J-5 with collaboration from J-3 and Service Representatives, prepare comments for transmittal under the Director's signature to ISA not later than Monday evening, 4 December. Since this is a policy matter at this point, I have assumed that this would be a J-5 action.

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